

## GLOUCESTER LYCEUM

On Tuesday evening, February 2, 1830, a meeting was held at Athens Hall "for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of forming a Lyceum." At a second meeting on February 15th the Committee to Prepare a Constitution submitted a report and the constitution was acted upon and accepted. It stated that the name of the organization should be the Gloucester Lyceum and "Its objects are the improvement of its members in useful knowledge and the advancement of popular education." Officers were to be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and five assistants to constitute a Board of Directors. A committee prepared by-laws of the Society. The by-laws were adopted after some amendments on March 1.

Any adult could become a member by paying one dollar a year and signing the Constitution. Minors could join by signing the Constitution and paying fifty cents. Each member was entitled to one ticket, not transferable, except to a female member of his own family. Tickets of admission for a single meeting were also provided at twenty-five cents for public lectures. Minors under sixteen years paid  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

Two hundred and thirty seven members signed the record book. There were one hundred sixty eight adult members, sixty nine minors. Many of the subscribers bore family names we would still recognize such as Babson, Pearce, Elwell, Wonson, Davis or Lane. Several women's names are included such as Nancy Parsons, Emily Babson, Mary M. Fernham and Sarah F. Dolliver. Also "Members shall be entitled to two transferable tickets for the admission of females at 50 cts each per year."

Proper conduct was to be maintained. One article of the By-laws read: "It is expected that Lectures and Debates will avoid all allusion to religion and political controversies of the present day." Also "Strict order and decorum shall be maintained at all meetings of the Lyceum."

The first lecture was held at Union Hall on March 10th with the introductory address delivered by the Rev. Hosea Hildreth. On March 24th Dr. Wm. Ferson delivered a lecture on Political and Domestic Economy.

At a Board meeting on March 19th it was voted to have debates and a three man committee was formed to propose questions for debate. At the March 24th meeting the members voted that debates should constitute part of the exercises. The subject of the first debate was "Does the Merchant, Mariner, Mechanic or Farmer enjoy upon the whole the greatest share of happiness."

At the April 7th meeting Mr. Jones delivered a lecture upon "The goodness of God manifested in the seasons." The subject was continued on April 14th when "a number of communications from the ladies pertinent to the occasion was read."

The question proposed for discussion on April 28th was "Can any improvements be made in the present system of education in our public schools? And if any, what?" Again there were several communications from the ladies.

At the next regular meeting there was a "Lecture upon history, its general importance" by Dr. Eben. Dale in which he called the attention of the Lyceum to his history of the settlement of Gloucester.

On May 12th the lecture was by the Rev. W. Leonard, his subject "Man in solitude and society contrasted." The school question was discussed and concluded.

On June 5th Mr. Phillips of Salem spoke on "Education - its early history in New England."

The lecture on June 16th was by the Rev. T.(?) Brager (?) of Salem. His subject was "The genuineness (?) of ancient writings."

The next meeting seems to have been on October 20th when Dr. Prentiss spoke on "The circulation of the blood."

On November 17th it was Mr. Spenser of Salem on "The properties of light."

On December 1st Mr. Benj. Crowningshield of Salem considered "The figure of the earth."

On December 15th Dr. Putnam of Salem: "The nervous system."

On December 29th Mr. Hildreth spoke on "Chemical affinity." He continued on January 5th, 1831, "with interesting experiments illustrating." Here it might be noted that at the January 6th Director's meeting it was voted for a committee to spend not over \$120.00 on chemical, mechanical and philosophical apparatus. The financial report at the end of the year indicates that \$95.88 was spent for this purpose.

On January 12th there was a debate subject: "Will the introduction of the whale fishery be likely on the whole to prove advantageous to this town?" "There exists no difference of opinion - all agreeing to the affirmation of the question."

January 19th brought Dr. <sup>W.R.</sup> Thompson of Charlestown on "The action of the stomach & the intimate connexion between it and the skin."

On January 26th there was Mr. Holbrook's lecture on "The atmosphere," read by the Secretary, after an ineffectual attempt to get up a debate upon the subject of imprisonment for debt.

On February 2d Mr. E.W. Leach of Manchester spoke on "The French Revolution" taking up the subject in reference to the truth that the liberties of a people are in proportion to their intelligence.

On February 9th the Rev. W. Hildreth lectured on "Electricity" with various experiments with the new apparatus belonging to the Society.

On February 16th there was a lecture and experiments by Mr. H. Hildreth on Pneumatics.

On February 23d Thomas Stephenson spoke on "The education of females."

On March 2d H. Hildreth did miscellaneous experiments and gave explanations concerning pneumatics and natural philosophy.

Season tickets expired on March 10th, 1831. During the first year there was discussion about a County Lyceum and it was voted to send representatives

to a convention in Ipswich on March 17th "for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of forming a County Lyceum. On May 5th five delegates were sent to Ipswich to the County Lyceum's first semi-annual meeting where the County Lyceum's constitution was read and adopted. The financial report shows \$22.25 for delegate's expenses and a \$5.00 assessment to the County Lyceum.

It might also be noted that at a Director's meeting William Haly Esq. donated to the Gloucester Lyceum Rollin's Ancient History. I wonder if other books were later donated.

## THE SECOND YEAR, MARCH 1831-MARCH 1832

The introductory lecture was held on March 23, 1831 on the "Utility of Lyceums, particularly the salutary influence of the Gloucester Lyceum" by Benj. K. Hough Sr.

On Mary 28 the "Usefulness of Lyceums as connected with schools" was discussed by M.C. Hurlbut.

On March 31st there was a lecture by Alexander H. Everett upon the "French Revolution."

On April 5th the subject of "Lyceums and common schools" was continued and closed by M.C. Hurlbut.

On April 13th there were "Chemical experiments & explanations" by Noah Worcester.

On April 27th there was a lecture by Dr. Eben. Dale upon "The good effects of sea bathing."

On May 4th there was a lecture by Rev. Mr. Chas. W. Upham giving a full account of "Salem witchcraft." On May 5th Mr. Upham discussed the "Philosophy of witchcraft." The substance of these two lectures has been since published in a volume entitled Upham's Lectures on Witchcraft.

At a Director's meeting on May 10th it was thought expedient to suspend the regular meetings during the summer months.

On May 27th there was a meeting of the County Lyceum at Newburyport. Three delegates were sent from the Gloucester Lyceum.

The first lecture of the winter course was given by Rev. Mr. Adlum on the subject of "The human mind."

On November 23rd there was a lecture by Dr. Thompson of Charlestown upon "Coal, its importance as an article of                      with a particular description of the anthracite coal of the country.

Mr. Gale, Principal of the Female Academy at Derry, N.H., delivered a lecture on November 30th upon the "Philosophy of Light."

On December 14th there was a lecture upon "Heat" by Noah Worcester, with experiments.

There was a meeting of the male members to take into consideration the expediency of establishing a town watch. After some discussion they adjourned to December 21st. When they met at that time they adopted "such measures as was thought would effect the object", but without cooperation from the citizens of the town and the subject was abandoned.

On December 30th the lecture by Hon. William Thorndike was "rendered both amusing, instructive by the peculiarly happy manner of the speaking" upon "The multiplicity of books."

January 11th, 1832, brought "Chemical experiments & explanations" by Noah Worcester.

January 25th, "Lecture upon teeth" by Dr. Coffin of Lynn.

On February 15th, the Rev. Hildreth spoke upon the "Duties of parents to children in relation to schools."

March 7th, 1832 was the last lecture for the current year ending March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Th. S. Dudley gave a "Lecture upon geology."

At a Director's meeting on March 9th it was determined to hold the annual meeting at Union Hall on March 14th.

At the Annual meeting officers were chosen for the ensuing year. The Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$265.12 and a balance of "1.58. There were 128 members, 60 minors, 180 transferable tickets and evening tickets brought in \$9.71. The previous year there were 168 adult members, 69 minors, and 207 transferable tickets.

## THE THIRD YEAR, MARCH 1832-MARCH 1833

The first of the third course of lectures was delivered at Union Hall by Mr. Benj. Thompson of Charlestown on the "Colonization and permanent settlement of Virginia until the introduction of slavery," on March 28, 1832.

On April 11 there was a lecture by Joseph E. Sprague, Esq. of Salem.  
Subject: "The character of Washington."

On April 25th the lecture was by Rev. W. Lummus (?) of this town on "The dangers that threaten our country."

The May 9th lecture was given by Rev. Hosea Hildreth. Subject: "Sacred music." At that meeting four delegates were chosen to go to the County Lyceum to be held in this town June 22d.

The next meeting was held on November 7th with a lecture by Rev. H. Hildreth on "The effects of sloth and indolence, their effect on the moral and physical character of man." Four delegates were appointed to the Annual meeting of the Essex County Lyceum to be held in Andover. They did not attend.

On November 21st there was a lecture by Doct. A.R. Thompson of Charlestown on "Agriculture" with particular reference to the importance of cultivating forest trees and the white mulberry tree.

The December 5th lecture was by John J. Babson. Subject: "Early maritime voyages of discovery."

On December 19th the lecture was by Mr. John O. Sargent of Boston on the "Usefulness of Lyceums and similar institutions."

The meeting of January 2d, 1833, found Doct. Kittredge of Salem speaking on "Phrenology."

On January 30th Gamaliel Marchant gave a lecture on "Man, the different varieties in the species, etc."

On February 20th there was a lecture by Henry Dale on the "History of America."

The February 27th lecture was by William Parsons, Sr., on "Intellectual improvement."

On March 13th there was a lecture by William E. P. Rogers on "The origin, objects and success of Lyceum Institutions." A proposition was made to alter the Constitution so that the annual assessments of adult members should be fifty cents instead of one dollar.

On March 14th the annual meeting for the year ending on March 13th, 1833, was held at Union Hall. The alteration of the constitution proposed at the previous meeting was rejected by a vote of 12 to 8. Officers were chosen for the coming year. The Treasurer's report showed 95 adult members, 58 minors, 130 transferable tickets and evening tickets brought in \$3.75. With the balance received from the former treasurer receipts for the year were \$194.33 with a balance in the treasury of \$57.86. The Recording Secretary was "authorized to furnish any member with evening tickets who may wish them for the admission of visitors from abroad." It was voted that the price of evening tickets be reduced to 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cents.



## THE FOURTH YEAR, MARCH 1833-MARCH 1834

On March 27, 1833 the introductory to the fourth course of lectures was delivered by William Allen on "Moral and mental improvement."

The April 9th the lecture was by Wm Ferson Esq. on the "Steam engine."

On April 25th Hon. Rufus Choate of Salem spoke "On the necessity of a national romantic literature to bear the same relation to the history of our country that the romances of Scott bear to the histories of the countries in which he has laid his scenes."

The May 8th lecture was by Hon. Edward Everett of Charlestown on "The early history of New England."

On May 22d Nath. K. Allen spoke on "The character of Washington."  
"A plagiarism from Fisher Ames."

Robert Rantoul Jr. Esq. lectured on June 5th on "The natural history of man."

In the autumn a committee was chosen to provide a place for the lectures. The committee contracted with the Prudential Committee of School Districts No. 1 and No. 2 for the use of Union Hall, "which contract is on file with papers belonging to the Lyceum."

The first of the winter course of lectures was delivered on December 17th by Rev. Rufus Babcock of Salem on "The operations of conscience."

On January 8th, 1834, there was a lecture by Nath. J. Lord Jr. Esq. of Salem upon "The life and character of Charles Carroll."

The January 15th lecture was given by Rev. W. Porter upon "The necessity of discipline in moral and intellectual culture."

Nath. West Jr. Esq. of Salem spoke on "Imprisonment for debt" on January 22d.

The January 29th lecture was delivered by Rev. W. Adlam on "The metaphysical proof of the immortality of the soul."

February 5th brought a lecture by Doct. John M. Moriarty on "Sleep."

February 19th, Lecture by Frederick Parker on "Astronomy."

February 27th, Lecture by Zebedac (?) Cook Jr. Esq. of Boston on "Horticulture."

On March 5th William Parsons Jr. lectured on "Currency."

At the last lecture on March 12th Joshua P. Trask spoke on "Capital punishment." This was also the date of the Annual meeting.

The Treasurer's report showed 92 members, 41 minors, 111 ladies transferable tickets and 248 evening tickets sold. The balance in the treasury was \$42.83.

## THE FIFTH YEAR, MARCH 1834-1835

On March 27, 1834, the introductory to the fifth course of lectures was delivered by Robert Rantoul Sr. Esq. on "The necessity of a general diffusion of knowledge." A question was proposed for debate at the next meeting: "Is the present system of long credit injurious to society?:"

The above question was debated on April 2. In favor were J. I. (?) Babson, R. Rantoul, W. Parsons and Q.M. (?) Lowe. Against: B.K. Hough, Rev. Sam Adlam, Q. (?) P. Trask.

The April 9th lecture was delivered by C.I. Page of Salem on "Acoustics with explanations of ventriloquism."

On April 15th a poem on "Knowledge its progress (?) " was pronounced by L.T. Hildreth, which was immediately followed by a lecture from Wm. L. (?) Dale on "Music and eloquence."

On April 23rd the debate on the subject of long credit was resumed and there was considerable discussion. The opposing views were: That the system of long credits among merchants is beneficial to the community and ought not to be abolished and That the system of credit among retailers is injurious and ought to be no longer continued.

There was a lecture by Dr. Pierson of Salem on April 30th on "The bones of the cranium."

The exercises of the Lyceum were resumed for the season on November 26th(?) with a lecture from Mr. Ward of Danvers on "Spain."

On December 10th Mr. Saltonstall of Salem spoke on "The history of Massachusetts."

On December 17th there was a debate on capital punishment.

G. H. Devereux of Salem lectured on "The application of philosophy to the wants & conditions of man." on December 26th, 1834.

On January 8th, 1835, there was a lecture by A. (?) Devereux of Marblehead on "The progress of society."

The January 21st talk was by Rev. Mr. Millis(?) of Salem "On the progress of improvement in English & American society."

The February 11th lecture was given by Rev. Mr. Hamilton on "The utilitarian philosophy."

The March 1st lecture by Doct. Appleton was a "Biography of Sen. (?) A. Davy."

On March 11th Doct. Reynolds spoke on the "Philosophy of dreams."

The lecture by Mr. Cones of Portsmouth on March 25th was on "The imagination."

The lecture by Mr. Brown of Lynn on April 1st was on "The drama."

On April 8th Mr. Stickney of Lynn spoke "On a diffusion of knowledge."

The April 24th lecture was by Doct. Piersen of Salem on "The practice of the physician."

On September 9th, 1835, there was a meeting of the Directors. It was voted to hold the annual meeting on Monday evening, September 14th in the Reading Room of the Gloucester Insurance Company. Members were notified through the Gloucester Democrat and the Gloucester Telegraph by the secretary. At the September 14th meeting a nominating committee was appointed.

At a meeting on September 15th the nominating committee reported and their list of officers for the ensuing year was unanimously chosen. The new recording secretary was Addison Gilbert, replacing John I. Babson.

The treasurer submitted his report. There were 95 adult members, 35 minors, 109 ladies transferable tickets and 155 evening tickets. Adult members were assessed \$1.00. Minor's and Ladies' transferable tickets were 50¢. Evening tickets were 12½¢. Mr. Page was paid \$10.00 for his lecture on April 9th, 1834. \$22.50 was paid for passages of lecturers and other expenses. Cash on hand was \$35.71.

## THE SIXTH YEAR, 1835-1836

The introductory to the sixth course of lectures was delivered on October 14th, 1835, by the Hon. Caleb Cushing of Newburyport. Subject: "Discovery of America." He received a fee of \$4.75.

The second lecture on October 21st was delivered by Rev. E.W. Stone of Beverly on "The truth of the Mosaic account of the Deluge." He attempted to prove this by historical, geological and mathematical demonstration. Fee: \$3.75.

On October 28th, there was a lecture by B.B. Thatcher Esq. of Boston on "Self education" in which he boldly attacked the present system of education and attempted to sustain his attacks by various arguments and testimony. Fee: \$15.75.

On November 4th, George S.(?) Hillard Esq. spoke on "Self respect." Fee: \$16.75.

Hon. Alexander H. Everett lectured on "The French Revolution" on November 11th. Fee: \$18.50.

The November 18th lecture was by Doct. Jerome V. (?) C. Smith of Boston on "Natural history." Fee: \$18.50.

November 25th. "This evening the Rev. Doct. Flint of Salem delivered a Poem, which was listened to with pleasure by a numerous audience." Fee: \$12.00.

December 2d. "This evening the introductory to a course of eight lectures on "Phrenology" was delivered by R. I.(?) Edes of Dorchester." The second lecture by Mr. Edes was delivered on December 9th. He received a fee of \$149.00.

There was a lecture by B. B. Thatcher Esq. of Boston on the 14th of December. Subject: "The Boston Tea Party in the days of the Revolution." Fee: \$17.50.

The third through eighth lectures on "Phrenology" by Mr. Edes were given on December 16th, 23d and 30th and on January 6th, 1836, and January 13th and 14th.

The January 27th lecture was given by John L. Hayes of Portsmouth on "Geology." Fee: \$8.00.

Doct. A. L. Pierson spoke on "The architecture of St. Peter's Church on February 10th. Fee: \$5.00.

On February 24th Doct. Joseph Reynolds of Sandy Bay lectured on "Chemistry." Fee: \$2.00.

On March 2d there was a lecture by Lonson Nash Esq. on "The history of Poland," touching upon the prosperity and progress of improvement in our own country, and closing with remarks in favor of the legal profession particularly as applying to this town.

The March 14th lecture by F. C. Putnam was on "The relative influence of chivalry and Puritanism."

On March 30th, Doct. Charles C. Jackson of Boston lectured on "Geology." Fee: \$18.50.

The April 13th lecture was by Doct. John Appleton. Subject: "Biography of Count Rumford."

Henry B. Cleavland of Boston spoke on "The ruins of Pompeii" on April 27th. Fee: \$13.00.

The Directors voted to hold the annual meeting on May 11th at Union Hall. The members were notified thereof through the Gloucester Telegraph and Gloucester Democrat by the secretary, Addison Gilbert.

The Treasurer's report showed 105 members, 39 minors, 192 Ladies' transferable tickets and 164 evening tickets. Total receipts from tickets was \$573.11. Expenses were \$457.17. The balance on hand was \$115.94.

## THE SEVENTH YEAR, 1836-1837

On October 26th, 1836, the Introductory to the Seventh course of lectures before the Gloucester Lyceum was delivered by Hon. Stephen C. Philips of Salem. His subject was "The objects and advantages of the expedition to the South Sea Islands.

The subject of the second lecture by Col. Charley Andrew of Salem was "The influence of popular institutions in America upon foreign nations. This meeting was held on November 9th.

On November 23d Epes Sargent Esq. of Boston spoke on "American customs and habits." Fee \$4.00.

The December 7th lecture was by Mr. Noah Worcester on the subject of "Phrenology." Fee \$3.00.

On December 22nd, 1836, Doct. Joseph Reynolds of Sandy Bay spoke on "Chemistry. Fee \$1.00.

On January 14th, 1837, Doct. Jerome V. C. Smith of Boston delivered the first of his course of lectures on natural history. Subject: "The evidence of design in the work of nature, particularly manifested in animal mechanism." His fee for the series was \$140.00.

Mr. Couthany lectured on January 18th (?). His subject was "Marine shells and the luminous appearance of the ocean at night."

On January 24th L.E. Cowes Esq. of Portsmouth, N.H. delivered the lecture on the subject of "Instinct."

The February 1st lecture was on "Ancient Egyptian commerce," delivered by Mr. Hubbard.

"Tight lacing and the injuries resulting from it" was discussed by Mr. A.D. Bacon on February 8th.

On February 27th the audience assembled at the usual hour in the expectation of a lecture from Salem, but were disappointed. The Vice-president then read a lecture on "The multiplicity of books," by Doct. A. L. Parson of Salem.

The next four lectures were delivered by Doct. J.V.C. Smith of Boston to conclude his series of lectures. On March 1st he spoke on "The philosophy of vision." On March 18th the subject was "The circulation of the blood." On March 29th it was "The philosophy of sound and the structure of the ear." The subject of his final lecture on April 12th was "The natural history of reptiles, etc."

The sixteenth and closing lecture was delivered on April 19th by the Rev. Mr. Thompson of Salem. The subject was "The life and character of Sir Walter Raleigh."

The annual meeting was held in Union Hall on April 26th, 1837. The Treasurer's report showed \$86.00 for 86 members, \$84.50 from 169 transferable tickets, \$23.50 from 47 minor's tickets and \$33.25 from 266 evening tickets. The balance in the treasury was \$90.45. The bill from the School Committee for 16 meetings in Union Hall came to \$80.00. New officers for the ~~next~~ year were chosen. The meeting was adjourned until May 3rd.

At the May 3rd meeting ticket prices were discussed. It was voted that the price of member's tickets remain the same but the price of <sup>the</sup> minor's tickets was raised to \$1.00. Transferable tickets were raised to \$1.00 and evening tickets were to be 25¢.



## THE EIGHTH YEAR, OCTOBER, 1837-1838

At the beginning of this year there was discussion about moving the meeting place for the Lyceum to the vestry of the First Parish meeting house. A committee was chosen to look into the matter. On November 2d the male members met at the vestry and the committee made its report. After much discussion it was voted to lay the subject before the Lyceum at the next meeting and the ladies be requested to vote. This came about at the November 15th meeting and it was voted unanimously to hold the lectures at Union Hall.

The introduction to the eighth course of lectures was delivered on November 1st by Hon. Alexander H. Everett of Boston. His subject was "The moral character of the literature of the present as compared with the past century." Fee: \$18.50.

On November 15th Doct. Samuel G. Howe of the Blind Institution of Boston came, accompanied by three of his blind pupils. He spoke on "Education of the blind." Fee: \$15.00.

The November 22nd lecture was delivered by Rev. William Hague of Providence. Subject: "Philosophy of taste." Fee: \$15.00.

On December 6<sup>th</sup> Doct. A.L. Pierson of Salem spoke on the subject of "Vaccination." Fee: \$15.00.

Rev. Leonard Withington of Newbury lectured on "Politicks," on December 13th. Fee: \$15.00.

The December 27th, 1837, lecture was given by Robert Rantoul jr. Esq. "On that part of the French Revolution from the abdication of Napoleon to his return to Paris." Fee: \$5.00.

On January 3rd, 1838, Rev. Charles U. Upham of Salem began a series of lectures for which the fee was \$91.00. His first lecture concerned "The utilitarian tendency of modern literature and science." On January 17th he spoke on the "Life of Roger Williams." On January 24th he also spoke on "Roger Williams." His February 7th lecture was on the "Life of Hugh Peters."

On February 21st Doct. Snow of Boston considered "The philosophy of sleep." Fee: \$15.00.

Doct. J.V.C. Smith of Boston spoke on "Geology" on February 28th. Fee: \$20.00.

Rev. Charles U. Upham of Salem returned on March 7th to lecture on "The causes of the prosperity of the Dutch Republic in the 17th century."

On March 21st the Reverend Upham spoke on "The life of Timothy Pickering."

Doct. O.W. Holmes of Boston spoke on "Poetry" on February 28th. Fee: \$15.00.

"The natural history of the honey bee" was the subject of a lecture by J.V.C. Smith of Boston on April 11th. Fee: \$20.00.

The closing lecture was delivered on April 18th, 1838, by O.U.B. Peabody Esq. of Boston on the subject "Female literature." Fee: \$15.00.

After a meeting of the Directors on May 1st, the annual meeting was held on May 2d. Reports were submitted <sup>and</sup> what turned out to be the first slate of officers was chosen. The meeting adjourned to May 9th.

At the May 9th meeting the Treasurer submitted his report. This listed the following: Sale of tickets, \$317.00. Cash recd by door (tickets?) \$7.62. Evening tickets, \$10.00. Cash in treasury, \$4.61. The Lyceum owned a note of hand against Districts 1 and 2 with interest at \$95.90. Use of the hall for 17 nights at \$5.00 came to \$85.00 for the year.

There was difficulty in finding officers for the new year. After the meetings of May 2d and May 9th further meetings were held on May 23rd and June 14th to round out the slate of officers for the ninth year. First, Benj. K. Hough and then William Parsons were proposed for the presidency and both declined. Finally, Addison Gilbert accepted the post. David White having rejected the vice-presidency, as well as William Ferson, Nathaniel Babson took on that office. After five members had declined serving as Assistants the five vacancies were finally filled on June 14.

At an August 20th meeting it was voted that the Treasurer and Recording Secretary be appointed to provide a place of entertainment for the lecturers. The two secretaries were to be a committee to "wait on the lecturers." This was no doubt a Director's meeting as was that of June 14th.

## THE NINTH YEAR, 1838-1839

The first lecture of the ninth course was delivered by Hon. Rufus Choate. Subject: "Romance of the sea." Fee: \$4.00. Previous to the lecture a poem written by Mrs. Sarah A. Norrell(?) was read by Ben. H. Corliss. This took place on September 26th, 1838.

The October 10th lecture was given by George Bancroft Esq. on "The ancient and modern history of nations." Fee: \$15.00.

Dr. Abel L. Peirson of Salem spoke on "Animal magnetism" at the October 24th meeting. Fee: \$12.00.

On November 7th John L. Hayes, Esq. of Portsmouth lectured on the subject of "Volcanic eruptions." Fee: \$15.00.

The November 21st lecture was given by Hon. Alexander H. Everett on "The life and character of Warren." Fee: \$14.00. "Physiology" was the subject of the lecture given by Rev. Mr. John Pierpont of Boston on December 12th. Fee: \$14.00.

On December 19th, 1838, Hon. R. E. Winthrop of Boston lectured on "Popular education." Fee: \$14.00.

On January 2d, 1839, Rev. Danl D. Smith spoke on the "Science of the sea."

Mr. Francis C. Putnam lectured on January 16th, having for his subject "Poetry, Sir Walter Scott, etc." Fee: \$12.00.

The Rev. Mr. Sweet spoke on "The importance of acquiring knowledge" on January 30th. Fee: \$12.00.

For February 20th the minutes state that the advertised lecture for February 13th was necessarily postponed to this evening when Eben Bradbury, Esq. of Newbury Port spoke on "The history of steam as a mechanical agent." Fee: \$5.62.

On February 27th, Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop, of Boston, lectured on "Ornithology." Fee: \$13.00.

Rev. C. W. Upham, of Salem, spoke on March 13th. His subject embraced many topics bearing upon the civilization and progression of mankind from the dawn of the world, and the present state of civil society. Fee: \$16.50.

The subject of "Education" was discussed by Robert Rantoul Jr. Esq. on March 27th. Fee: \$5.00.

The concluding lecture of the course was held on April 10th, 1839. The Rev. Mr. Abbott, of Roxbury, spoke on the subject of "Russia." Fee: \$13.76.

The yearly meeting was held on April 17th at the room over Geo. M.(?) Dexter's store, now occupied by the mechanics as a Reading Room. Reports of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. \$304.50 was received for tickets. There seems to have been interest on a note and money lent. The balance on hand was \$46.02. Officers were chosen "after several ballotings and some considerable delay." It was voted that the thanks of the society be tendered to the Sec.(?) of the Franklin Lectures for the donation of "Channings Lectures" presented by him.

On June 13th, the Directors and other officers met at the house of the President "to consult and determine upon the course to be pursued by the Board the coming season and make arrangements for obtaining a suitable number of lectures." The choice of lecturers was to be left to the discretion of the Corresponding Secretary. It was voted to pay lecturers for the coming season \$10.00 and their expenses. It was also voted to begin the next course of lectures on the first or second Wednesday in October, 1839.

## THE TENTH YEAR, 1839-1840

There were Director's meetings on September 2d and 14th, 1839, concerning the year's lectures and the style of tickets. Money seems to have been a problem this year. The Directors met again on January 29th, 1840, to examine the financial concerns of the Lyceum. There was \$218.00 on hand which would pay for the remaining lectures if nothing was paid for the use of the hall for the remainder of the year, leaving that as a debt to be liquidated by the next board of officers. This plan was favorably received and adopted.

The first lecture took place on October 5th, 1839, and was delivered by Rev. Samuel R. Lothrop of Boston on "The progress of society." Fee: \$12.00

The October 16th lecture was given by the Hon. Alexander H. Everett on "The beauties of the Bible." "The subject was noticed under three distinct heads, viz. The Philosophy, Poetry & History, which is so richly intermingled throughout the Sacred Volume." Fee: \$13.00.

The Rev. Thomas B. Fox of Newburyport spoke on "The advantage and necessity of cultivating a taste for the Beautiful" on October 30th. Fee. \$13.00.

At the November 13th meeting Doct. Benjamin Haskell of Sandy Bay gave "An exposition of the errors of Phrenology."

Joshua H. Ward Esq. of Danvers spoke on "The life and character of Mahomet" on November 27th. Fee: \$13.00.

The Rev. Leonard Withington of Newbury was the lecturer on December 11th. "This was a perfectly original and withal rather singular lecture, and may be considered a Satire upon some of the exciting topics of the Age." Fee: \$13.00.

On December 18th, 1839, Dr. Elisha Bartlett of Lowell spoke. His subject was "Taste for the perfect." Fee: \$13.00.

The January 2d, 1840, lecture was on "Ireland and the Irish," given by S. Griswold Goodrich Esq. of Roxbury. Fee: \$13.00.

The Hon. Horace Mann of Boston spoke on "Education of the young" on January 8th. Fee: \$13.00.

On January 15th, 1840, the Rev. Mr. John S.C. Abbott of Roxbury lectured on "Louis Phillipe." Fee: \$13.00.

The Rev. Jacob Abbott of (blank) considered "The causes which led to the late civil war in Spain" on January 22nd. Fee: \$13.00.

Professor Joseph Lovering of Cambridge lectured on "The stability of the solar system" on February 5th. Fee: \$13.00.

On February 19th, the Rev. William G. Swett (Sweett?) of Boston spoke on the "Habit of attention." Fee: \$13.00.

The March 4th lecture was delivered by Rev. Mr. Stone of this town. His subject was "The advantage of a well regulated mind and the benefits to be derived from a determined course of action in the outset of life."

Professor J. G. Palfray of Cambridge spoke on "The siege and capture of Louisburgh," on April 1st. Fee: \$13.00.

The last lecture of the year took place on April 8th. The Rev. C. M. Lickels (?) of this town lectured on "Egypt and its wonders."

The annual meeting was held at the Mechanics Reading Room on April 15th. Cash received for tickets came to \$198.00. There was cash in the treasury of .72¢ and a deficit of \$24.64. They seem still to be receiving income from a note to the Prudential Committee of Districts No. 1 and 2. The use of the Union Hall for lectures on sixteen nights at \$5.00 came to \$80.00. Officers for the coming year were selected.

On June 10th the Directors met at the home of the President to select lecturers for the coming season. It was determined by the board to invite the Hon. Horace Mann of Boston to deliver the introductory lecture any time subsequent to the 15th of October. A number of individuals were nominated for invitation and the Corresponding Secretary directed to write to them and make the necessary arrangements. Again, lecturers were to receive \$10.00 and their expenses. Apparently local speakers received no recompense for their talks.

## THE ELEVENTH YEAR, 1840-1841

The first lecture of the Eleventh course was delivered on November 18th, 1840, by the Hon. Horace Mann of Boston. His subject was "The education of the young." Fee: \$13.00.

On December 2nd, Doct. J.V.C. Smith of Boston spoke on "The creation and formation of the earth." Fee: \$18.00.

"The progress of society" was the topic of the Hon. George Swit(?) of Newburyport on December 16th. Fee: \$13.00.

On December 30th, 1840, the Rev. Leonard Withington of Newbury considered "The advantages to be derived and means to be used in acquiring a spiritual taste for the Bible." Fee: \$13.00.

On January 13th, 1841, John C. Park Esq. of Boston spoke on "The education of the world." "The speaker's remarks were mostly confined to the rise, progress and state of society in the United States." Fee: \$13.00.

The Rev. Thomas B. Fox of Newburyport lectured on "Henry the Eighth of England and his immediate successors, Edward, Mary, & Elizabeth," on January 27th. Fee: \$13.00.

Rev. Christopher M. Nichels(?) of this town spoke on "Oliver Cromwell," on February 10th.

On February 24th, William Williams Jr. Esq. of this town considered the "Progress of the arts and sciences."

Rev. Mr. Stone of this town lectured on March 10th. His subject was "Poets and poetry." The Lecturer's remarks were mainly confined to a description of the Eight prominent Epic poets & their productions, & a brief notice of some of the principal poets of a later period."

On March 24th, 1841, "The last lecture of the course was expected this evening from S. G. Goodrich Esq. of Roxbury, but he was unable to come. The exercises consisted of a Poem written and pronounced by Wm. Williams Jr. of this town... and a Lecture by Dr. Joseph Reynolds upon the subject of diet."

On March 25th there was a Director's meeting at the home of the President "to ascertain the state of the finances & discuss the expediency of having another lecture this season." "By the

Treasurer's statement it appeared that there was money enough in the treasury to pay nearly all the Bills, none outstanding, and that with some management we should probably come out square. Upon the strength of this Report it was determined not to have another lecture this season. The annual meeting for the choice of officers was fixed upon the evening of April 14th, 1841."

The meeting on the 14th was held at the room over Dexter & Tappan's store. The Treasurer's report "of the financial concerns of the Lyceum" was accepted as was the Recording Secretary's report. Cash received from tickets came to \$168.87. Cash in the treasury was \$1.73. Expense for the use of the hall for nine nights at \$5.00 came to \$45.00. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the current year.

The Directors met to select a list of lecturers for the coming season on June 16th but not being a full meeting the Board voted to adjourn to June 19th. On the 19th it was determined to endeavor to procure the Hon. John Q. Adams to deliver the introductory lecture. In case of failure in procuring him Rev'd Mr. Peabody of Portsmouth or Rev'd Mr. Chapin of Charlestown were to be invited. A list of lecturers were nominated for invitations and the Corresponding Secretary was directed to write to them. Compensation for the lecturers remained at \$10.00 plus expenses.



## THE TWELFTH YEAR, 1841-1842

The Directors met to discuss the lectures for the coming season on September 29th, 1841. The Corresponding Secretary had engaged six lecturers. The Hon. John Q. Adams and Geo. Bancroft declined coming in consequence of numerous engagements. It was voted to invite the Rev'd John A. Moffitt to deliver the introductory lecture. The price of tickets was to remain the same.

On October 27th, 1841, the first lecture of the twelvth(4) course was delivered by the Revd John A. Moffitt. His subject was "The moral Grandeur of the American Revolution." Fee: \$18.00.

Avi Davis Esq. of Boston lectured on "Electro magnetism," on November 10th. Fee: \$13.00.

David H. Barlow Esq. of Worcester spoke on November 17th. His subject was "The age we live in, comparing the chivalry of the 14th century with the enterprises of benevolent institutions of the present day." Fee: \$13.00.

On December 1st, the Rev'd Andrew P. Peabody of Portsmouth, N.H. discussed "The influence of the Bible upon Science, Fine Arts, Literature & Poetry." Fee: \$13.00

On December 8th Dr. H.C. Perkins of Newburyport lectured on "Fossil remains." The lecture was "illustrated by some fine specimens." Fee: \$13.00.

William Williams Jr. Esq. of Gloucester spoke on "England & China & the war presently existing between those two countries," on December 22nd, 1841.

On January 6th, 1842, the Rev'd Henry Giles of Liverpool, Eng. was the lecturer on "The spirit of Irish history." Fee: \$13.00.

"The claims of literature" was the subject for the Rev'd E.H. Chapin of Charlestown on January 19th. Fee: \$13.00.

The February 2nd lecture was delivered by the Rev'd Mr. Clement of Chester, N.H. on "The effect produced on our language by the Spirit of the age." Fee: \$13.00.

The Rev'd William Hague of Providence spoke on "The means to be used in a preparation to see the world," on March 14th. Fee: \$13.00.

On March 28, 1842, Geo. Brown Esq of Beverly had for his subject "A contrast between the dark or past ages with the present age." Fee: \$3.00.

The annual meeting for the choice of officers was held at Franklin Hall on April 20th, 1842. The Recording Secretary's report on the lecturers for the past season was read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was also read and accepted. Total expenses for the year were \$218.73. The sale of tickets had brought in \$217.00 and there was \$1.73 left from the previous year. There was cash in the treasury of \$4.14. Hall rent had cost them \$60.00 for the year. "After considerable delay and difficulty" new officers were chosen by ballot and an auditing committee was chosen.

On July 25th the Directors met at the Hall of the Murray Institute. Benjamin K. Hough Jr. had declined the office of president and E. H. Stacy had declined the vice-presidency. Lecturers for the next year were proposed and the Corresponding Secretary directed to write to them.

On October 3rd, 1842, the Directors met at the home of the new Recording Secretary, Dr. J. Reynolds. "As the Board are empowered by the Constitution to fill all vacancies that may occur they proceeded to the election of President & Vice President." Thos Baker Esq. was unanimously chosen President and after much solicitation consented to stand. Nath Babson Esq was chosen Vice President. The vacancies in the Board of Directors formerly filled by Mr. Baker and Mr. Babson were filled by Messrs. E.W. Marchant and E. H. Stacy.

The Corresponding Secretary had positively engaged six lecturers and there were still a number not heard from. It was voted that R. H. Dana Jr. Esq. be invited to deliver the Introductory. The price of tickets was to remain the same. Local lecturers were not paid and "In case of any Gentleman gratuitously lecturing belonging to this town, tickets were to be bestowed on him."

## THE THIRTEENTH YEAR, 1842-1843

On November 9th, 1842, the first lecture of the thirteenth course was delivered by Rich H. Dana Jr. Esq. of Boston. His subject was "A disquisition of Lord Bacon's celebrated maxim 'That knowledge is power.'" Fee: \$12.50.

On November 23rd George Barstow Esq. of Boston spoke on the subject of "Genius." Fee: \$12.50.

The Rev'd John Pierpont of Boston considered "The education of the practical man" on December 7th. Fee: \$12.50.

On December 22nd, 1842, the Rev. Edward H. Chapin lectured on "Copernicus & his times." Fee: \$12.50.

The first lecture of the new year was delivered on January 4th, 1843, by the Rev. Andrew Bigelow of Danvers. He spoke on "The city of Venice." Fee: \$12.50.

"A comparison between man, as he exists in savage and refined life" was the subject of the Rev. Thomas B. Fox of Newburyport on January 18th. Fee: \$12.50.

Dr. Charles Jewett of Providence, R. I. lectured on "Robert Burns" on February 1st. Fee: \$12.50.

On February 23rd The Rev. George E. Ellis of Charlestown, Mass. had for this subject the "Siege of Boston." Fee: \$12.50.

The last lecture of the year was delivered on March 2nd, 1843, by James E. Murdock Esq. of Boston. He spoke on "The human voice." Fee: \$12.50.

On March 6th, the Directors met at the store of B.K. Hough & Son. "On an examination into the affairs of the Lyceum it was concluded that the state of the finances would not allow of any more Lectures this season. It was therefore voted that the course of Lectures the present season now be terminated."

The annual meeting was planned for April 25th but since there was not a quorum it was adjourned until May 2nd. On that evening a meeting was held at Franklin Hall. The annual report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. The Recording Secretary reported on the lectures of the past season. A slate of officers was presented by Doctor I. P. Smith and Doct Joseph Reynolds and they were accepted.

The Treasurer's report showed expenses of \$178.15 for the year. Forty five dollars was paid for the use of the hall. The sale of tickets brought in \$171.62 and there was \$4.14 left from the previous year. There was a balance due Treasurer B.H. Corliss of \$2.39.

On August 15th, 1843, the Directors met at the house of Vice-President Nathl Babson. "The President, Thomas Baker Esq, having removed from town" the Vice-President became acting president. The object of the meeting was to make arrangements for the coming season. It was voted to invite the Hon. George Bancroft to deliver the introductory lecture. In case he declined they voted to invite the Rev. O. A. Brownson. Others proposed as lecturers were the Rev. Messrs Smith & Huntington of Boston, Brooks of Cambridge, Peabody of Portsmouth, T.(?)E. Murdock & George Barstow Esq. Compensation was to remain \$10.00 plus expenses. Ticket prices were to remain the same as the previous year.

On September 20th, 1843, the Directors met at the house of the President to further arrangements for the coming year. Orestes Brownson had accepted their invitation to give the introductory lecture. Others were named to follow him and the Corresponding Secretary was directed to write to them. Among them were Messrs. Murdock, Burritt (?) and Wendell Phillips. "Several Gentlemen of Gloucester were named to be invited to lecture the ensuing season, viz Rev. (?) Wait, Nickels, Thayer & Lamson and Williams, Gilbert, Parsons, Hough, Babson, Corliss and others." The compensation for Lecturers in town was to be 6 ¢ and a ticket for themselves for the course.

## THE FOURTEENTH YEAR, 1843-1844

The first lecture of the fourteenth course of lectures was delivered on November 15th, 1843, by Revd Orestes A. Brownson of Boston. His subject was "A disquisitionn of Social Reform and its evils." Fee: \$12.50.

On November 29th, James E. Murdoch of Boston considered "The powers of speech." Fee: \$12.50.

Elihu Burritt Esq. of Worcester, Mass. delivered the lecture on December 13th. His subject was "Physical labour." Fee: \$12.50. A committee was chosen this evening to consider and report on the idea of having debates on the alternate Wednesday evenings.

On December 27th, 1843, John Neal Esq. of Portland, Me., spoke on "Lawyers." Fee: \$12.50. The committee from the previous meeting made its report. "It was voted by the Lyceum that it was expedient to have debates this season. The directors were authorized to procure a Hall for two Evenings the expense to be paid out of the funds of the Lyceum, and to make the necessary arrangements for the debates on the next Evg."

On January 10th, 1844, Doct John Appleton of Boston illustrated his discussion of "Anatomy" by a model or mannikin. Fee: \$12.50.

The subject of the debate on January 17th was "Factories for Cotton Goods in this town." Messrs Reynolds, Gilbert, Lowe and Babson were in favor and Messres Williams, Richardson and Corliss against. "The debate was continued with much spirit for two hours and the meeting then adjourned to meet on Wednesday evening fortnightly from this evening."

William Williams Esq. of this town spoke on "The intolerance of public opinion" on January 24th. Fee: \$6.00.

On January 30th the debate on "Factories in this town" was continued. Messrs Reynolds, Lawson (Lamson ?), Gilbert and Babson were in favor. Messrs. Corliss, Williams and others were against. "After a very animated discussion of two hours the question came up for decision. At the first trial it was decided in the negative. At the second the ladies voting, it was decided that immediate efforts ought to be made to establish a corporation for manufacturing purposes in this town'."

On February 7th, 1844, Dr. Moses P. Hanson of Salem gave a lecture on "Chemistry" illustrated by experiments. Fee: \$8.00.

On February 14th there was a debate on the following question. "Ought moral or political integrity to be most regarded in the election of President." Messrs Lamson (Lawson ?), Davis in favor. Messrs Corliss and Williams against. "The question was discussed with much animation. It was decided by the casting vote of the President that moral integrity should be chiefly insisted upon."

Rev. C. M. Nickels of this town spoke on "China and the Chinese" on February 28th. Fee: \$6.00.

The March 6th lecture was given by Doct. Joseph Reynolds of this town. He spoke on "Education, schools, etc." Fee: \$6.00.

The closing lecture was delivered by the Rev. Wm Lamson (Lawson ?) of this town. His subject was "The exodus of the Israelites." Fee: \$6.00.

The annual meeting of the members of the Gloucester Lyceum was held the evening of April 17th at the Temperance Room, Front Street. The Treasurer's report showed cash on hand of \$2.98. The sale of tickets for the Fourteenth course of lectures had brought in \$173.85 and the Treasurer was repaid the \$2.39 owed him.

Officers for the Fifteenth<sup>th</sup> course of lectures were elected after a report of the nominating committee consisting of Joseph Reynolds, David White, R. G. Stanwood Jr., B. H. Corliss, and E. H. Stacey.

It was voted that the Directors be authorized to establish a course of debates the coming season in connection with the lectures.

On August 27th, the Directors met at the home of President Nathl Babson Esq. to make arrangements for the coming season. It was voted to invite the Rev. George Putnam of Roxbury to deliver the introductory lecture and the Corresponding Secretary was to make the necessary arrangements. Various lecturers were suggested, e. g. E. P. Whipple Esq., Rev. O. A. Brownson, John Neal Esq., Rev. Edwin H. Chapin, Rev. H. Giles, Wendell Phillips, S. G. Goodrich and Alex H. Everett Esq. The price of admission to the lectures was to remain the same.

On November 13th, 1844, the Directors met to make further arrangements of the Fifteenth course of lectures. It was voted to hold the lectures for the present at Institute Hall. Only one lecturer had been definitely engaged. That was Henry Giles Esq. who was to give the introductory lecture. "Several others had been written to but no answer received as yet."

It was voted "that all juvenile members at the Lectures that disturb the audience, after the first admonition, their names shall be handed to the doorkeeper and they refused admittance to future meetings." It was also voted that the <sup>first</sup> question for debate should be "Would the establishment of a railroad connecting us with Boston be of advantage to this town."

## THE FIFTEENTH YEAR, 1844-1845

On November 21st, 1844, the Rev. Henry Giles delivered the first lecture of the Fifteenth course of lectures on "The genius of Byron." Fee: \$12.50

E.M. Whipple Esq. of Boston spoke on December 4th. His subject was "Lives of authors." Fee: \$12.50.

On December 11th there was a debate on the question "Is Romanism consistent with the genius of American institutions?" Mr. Corliss spoke in the affirmative and Messrs. Reynolds and Lamson in the negative. It was voted to continue the debate the next evening week. It was also voted to hold the future meetings of the Lyceum at the Town Hall.

The debate was continued on December 18th by the same gentlemen as at the last meeting. After a discussion of about two hours it was voted that the debate now be closed.

On December 27th, 1844, the Rev. Hubbard Winslow of Boston had as his lecture topic "The superiority of the intellect of man over all other beings." Fee: \$12.50.

On January 8th, 1845, James E. Murdoch Esq. of Boston spoke on "Shakespeare and the drama." Fee: \$12.50.

John G. Palfrey Esq. of Boston considered "The early colonial history of Massachusetts" on January 22. Fee: \$12.50.

The lecture on February 13th was delivered by Anson Burlingame of Detroit, Michigan. His topic was "The North West." Fee: \$12.50.

"A description of the western country particularly Ohio" was discussed by the Rev. Edwin M. Stone of Beverly on February 29th. Fee: \$11.25.

The Rev'd Ralph W. Emerson of Concord, Mass. spoke on "Napoleon Bonaparte" on March 6th. Fee: \$13.50.

On April 9th, 1845, the concluding lecture was given by the Rev. Edwin H. Chapin of Charlestown. His subject was "Sir Phillip Sydney." Fee: \$15.00.



The annual meeting was held on September 3rd, 1845, at Franklin Hall. The Treasurer's report showed cash on hand at the beginning of the year of \$2.98. Ticket sales for the year brought in \$168.66. Apparatus was sold to the Rev. G.(?) Clark for \$6.50. Payment for Insitute Hall for eleven evenings at \$4.00 came to \$44.00. Balance due the treasurer: \$2.48. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. "It was voted that in future the meeting for choice of officers to be held on the evening after the last lecture, notice to be given the evening before." The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the current year.

On September 15th the Board of Directors met at the Counting Room of W. Babson, Jr. to make arrangements for the coming season. The course was to commence on the first Wednesday of November, if practicable. Messsrs. Caleb Cushing, Rufus Choate and G. Putnam were to be invited to give the introductory lecture. Others named as lecturers were Wendell Phillips, R.W. Emerson, Theo Parker, Leonard Withington, John A. Bolles, etc. It was voted that the price of admission be the same as last year, except Adult evening tickets were to be 25 cents. Compensation for the lecturers was to remain the same.

On October 8th, the Board of Directors met again. The Corresponding Secretary reported that he had engaged only one lecturer, for the third evening. Several had declined and Messrs. Cushing and Choate had not been heard from. It was voted to invite Rev. W.(?) Parker or Rev. W. Emerson for the first and Rev. W. Train (?), H.B. Stanton Esq. and others for the succeeding ones.

The Board of Directors met once more on October 27th. The Introductory was to be delivered by Rev. (?) Parker. "Several Gentlemen were named as lecturers and were to be written to immediately."

## THE SIXTEENTH YEAR, 1845-1846

On November 5th, 1845, the first lecture of the sixteenth course of lectures was delivered by the Rev. Theodore Parker. His subject was "The signs of the times." Fee: \$12.25

George W. Minns Esq. of Boston spoke on "Quackery" on November 19th. Fee: \$12.25

"The ancient laws of Massachusetts" was the subject for John A. Bolles of Boston on December 3rd. Board \$13.25.

On December 17th the Rev. Arthur S. Train of Haverhill discussed "Powers of intellect in man." Fee: \$12.25. Extra travel expense \$1.70.

On December 31st, 1845, Henry B. Stanton of Boston spoke on "Reform and the reformers of Great Britain." Fee: \$12.25. Mrs. Pearce board \$1.00.

On January 14th, 1846, E. Darling Esq. of Haverhill, Mass. lectured on "Chemistry, electricity & galvanism." Board \$13.25.

The Rev. Caleb Stetson of Medford considered "Labor as an institution of God" on January 28th. Fee: \$12.25. Board \$1.00.

The closing lecture was held on February 25th, 1846. On that date Ralph W. Emerson of Concord, Mass. spoke on "Sketches of the life of Montaigne." Board \$13.25.

The annual meeting was held on September 22d, 1846, at Franklin Hall. Mr. Chas. Smith 3d was chosen moderator. The Treasurer's report by B.H. Corliss showed a balance from the previous year of \$2.48, with \$173.30 received for tickets and cash on hand of \$3.92. The charge for the Town Hall was \$36.00 for the year. The Secretary's report was accepted and they proceeded to choose officers. Dr. Reynolds, Dr. Davidson and Mr. B. H. Corliss were chosen a committee to report on a list of candidates for lecturers. Meeting adjourned.

On September 23rd, the Board of Directors met at the house of the President "to make arrangements for the ensuing season and to decide upon a list of lecturers." It was voted that the Hon. Levi Woodbury be requested to deliver the introductory lecture and Wendell Phillips was named as a substitute. Rev. T.L. King, Chas. Sumner Esq, H. B. Stanton Esq. Geo. S. Hillard Esq. E.P. Whipple Esq. and Doct. E. H. Davidson were to be requested to deliver lectures during the season which should begin about November 15th.

On October 21st, 1846, the Directors met at the house of the President. It was voted that Gen. Lewis Cass, Mr. Braman and Mr. H. N. Hudson be invited to deliver lectures. The Corresponding Secretary reported that he had four lecturers engaged, Messrs. Woodbury, King, Stanton and Parker. Meeting adjourned.

## THE SEVENTEENTH YEAR, 1846-1847

On November 11th, 1846, the introductory lecture for the seventeenth year was delivered by the Hon. Levi Woodbury of N. H. on the subject "Traits of American character." Fee: \$12.00.

The next lecture on December 2nd was given by H. B. Stanton Esq. of Boston. He spoke about "The three revolutions of England, France & America." Fee: \$12.00.

The Rev. Thomas L. King of Charleston gave the lecture on December 16th, considering "Revelations of God in history." Fee: \$12.00.

R. W. Emerson Esq. of Concord spoke on "Eloquence" on December 30th, 1846.

The first lecture of the new year was given by The Rev. Milton P. Braman of Danvers on January 13th, 1847. His subject was the "Influence of women on society." Fee: \$11.25.

On February 10th H. N. Hudson Esq. of Boston spoke on the title "Peculiarities of Shakespeares genius" Fee: \$13.00.

The Rev. A. D. Mayo of Gloucester considered "The relation of an author to society" on February 24th.

H. B. Stanton Esq. of Boston lectured on "Education" on March 17th. Fee: \$12.00.

The last lecture of the season was delivered on April 7th, 1847, by H. N. Hudson of Boston. His subject was "Othello & Desdemona." Fee \$10.00.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Lyceum was held in the evening of September 6th, 1847, at the store of Benjamin H. Corliss. The meeting voted itself into a committee of the whole and Josiah K. Waite was appointed chairman. The Treasurer's report showed \$3.92 from the previous year and \$150.12 from the sale of tickets. Town Hall rental came to \$38.00 and Mrs. Pearce was paid \$7.00. There was a balance in the treasury of thirty one cents. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were accepted and there was election of officers.

On September 17th, 1847, there was a meeting of the Board of Directors at the house of the President. It was voted to invite Fletcher Webster to deliver the Introductory lecture at about the middle of November. It was also voted that the following gentlemen be requested to lecture during the coming season: E. P. Whipple, John Neal, William M. Rogers, Arthur Train, Henry B. Stanton

Charles W. Upham, H. E. Davidson, Frederic D. Huntington, Samuel E. Coues, A. P. Peabody and John P. Hale.

## THE EIGHTEENTH YEAR, 1847-1848

On November 10th, 1847, the first lecture of the eighteenth year was delivered by Fletcher Webster of Boston. His subject was "China." Fee: \$12.00.

The Rev. William M. Rogers of Boston lectured on "Egypt" on November 24th. Fee: \$12.00.

On December 8th, the Rev. Frederic D. Huntington of Boston spoke on "Enterprise." Fee: \$12.00.

On December 22nd, 1847, there was a lecture and poem by Epes Sargent Esq. of Boston. His subject was "Intolerance." Fee: \$12.00.

Samuel E. Coues Esq. of Portsmouth spoke on "The love of the Beautiful" on January 5th, 1848. Fee: \$12.00.

At the next lecture on January 19th, William H. Channing of Boston considered "The tendencies of civilization." Fee: \$12.00.

The February 2nd lecture was delivered by E. P. Whipple Esq. of Boston. His subject was "Genius." Fee: \$12.00.

The last lecture of the year was delivered on February 16th, 1848, by Prof. C. C. Felton of Cambridge on "The neutral French." Fee: \$12.00.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Lyceum was held on the evening of September 13th, 1848, at the Social Reading-Room. There was election of officers for the ensuing year. The Treasurer's report showed the expense for the Town Hall as \$32.00. Cash received for tickets was \$155.25 and there was cash in the treasury of \$7.57.

The Directors met at the Social Reading Room on September 29th. The following gentlemen were named as lecturers for the approaching season: John P. Hale, Rufus Choate, P. (?) Brownson, E. P. Whipple, C. F. D. Huntington, Wm. M. Rogers, R. W. Emerson, Franklin Dexter and Geo. Sunt. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to make arrangements for the Introductory lecture. It was voted that the price of evening tickets be reduced to 12½ c.(?)

## THE NINETEENTH YEAR, 1848-1849

On November 21st, 1848, the Introductory lecture was given by the Rev. Frederic D. Huntington. Subject: "Manliness." Fee: \$12.00.

December 6th, 1848, Lecture by Edwin P. Whipple, Esq. Subject: "Intellectual health and disease." Fee: \$12.00.

December 20th, 1848, Lecture by Henry S. Thoreau of Concord, Mass. Subject: "Economy." Illustrated by the life of a student Fee: \$13.00.

January 3rd, 1849, Lecture by N. P. Kemp of Boston. Subject: "Life of Sir William Roscoe." Fee: \$12.00.

January 17th, Lecture by the Rev. William H. Channing. Subject: "Association." Fee: \$12.00.

January 31st, Lecture by the Rev. Arthur S. Train of Haverhill. Subject: "The discoveries of the Northmen." Fee: \$13.00.

February 14th, Lecture by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Subject: "England." Fee: \$13.00.

February 27th, Lecture by Charles Sumner Esq. of Boston. Subject: "The law of human progress." Fee: \$12.00.

March 14th, Lecture by the Rev. S. K. Lothrop of Boston. Subject: "Moral greatness." Fee: \$12.00.

March 28th, 1849, Lecture by the Rev. Henry Giles. Subject: "The progress of civil liberty." Fee: \$12.00.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Lyceum was held on the evening of September 17th, 1849, in the room in the rear of the Gloucester News office. Nathaniel Babson was chosen moderator of the meeting. There was election of officers for the ensuing year.

On September 26th, "Mr. Benjamin H. Corliss has complied with the unanimous and earnest wish of the Directors to serve as President of the Lyceum, Mr. John J. Babson, declined."

On September 27th, 1849, "At a meeting of the Board held this evening at the house of the President, a list of lecturers was given to the Corresponding Secretary and he was instructed to secure their services if possible."

The Treasurer's report of Samuel A. Stacy showed expenses of \$40.00 for the Town Hall and Board bills of \$10.75. The amount of \$10.56 was in the treasury. Brought from the previous year was \$7.57 and \$196.31 was received from ticket sales.



## THE TWENTIETH YEAR, 1849-1850

The first lecture was delivered on November 22nd, 1849, by the Rev. John Pierpont of Medford. Subject: "Moral influences of physical science." Fee: \$14.00.

December 5th, Lecture by Rev. Arthur S. Train of Haverhill. Subject: "The Burial of the dead." Fee: \$12.00.

December 19th, 1849, Lecture by Orestes A. Brownson Esq. of Chelsea. Subject: "Liberty." Fee: \$12.00.

January 2nd, 1850, Lecture by the Rev. Sylvester Judd Jr. of Augusta, Me. Subject: "The dramatic element of the Bible." Fee: \$14.00.

January 16th, Lecture by the Rev. Samuel Johnson of Salem. Subject: "Beauty." Fee: \$12.00.

January 30th, Lecture by the Rev. A. D. Mayo of Gloucester. Subject: "Reading." Fee: \$10.00.

February 13th, Lecture by Ralph Waldo Emerson of Concord. Subject: "The spirit of the age." Fee: \$13.00.

February 28th, Lecture by the Rev. Thomas Starr King of Boston. Subject: "Thought and life." \$12.00.

March (?) Lecture by E. P. Whipple Esq. of Boston. Subject: "Character." Fee: \$12.00.

March 27th, 1850, Lecture by Robert Rantoul Jr. Esq. of Boston. Subject: "The prospects of our country." Fee: \$12.00.

The annual meeting was held the evening of September 4th, 1850, at the Social Reading Room. Officers were chosen for the current year as well as an auditing committee made up of John F. C. Rogers, Benjamin Somes and Nathaniel Babson. The Treasurer's report listed \$40.00 for use of the Town Hall for 10 meetings, and A. Peabody (board) \$8.00. There was \$10.56 in the treasury from the previous year and \$187.75 was earned from ticket sales for the twentieth course of lectures. There was cash in the treasury of \$4.79.

(copy)

Boston Sept. 17, 1850

Dear Sir

Having entered into business arrangements here, which will cause my removal from Gloucester at least during the present winter, allow me, through you, to decline the Presidency of the Gloucester Lyceum. Please receive my sincere thanks for the honor done me in electing me to that office, which has been so ably and honorably filled for many years, by our most esteemed and venerated citizens. With my best wishes for the prosperity and success of the institution so dear to our people, and my sincere respects to the present board of officers, allow me to subscribe myself

Yours most Resp'ty

William Babson

Sec. Gloucester Lyceum

The Board met the evening of September 27th, 1850, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools. Thomas Baker Esq. was chosen President, William Babson having resigned. Dr. Joseph Garland was chosen Vice President.

It was voted that the Introductory be given Wednesday evening November 20th if practicable. They voted to invite Rev. Sylvester Judd Jr. of Augusta, Me. to deliver the same and that Charles Sumner and Wendell Phillips Esqs. be considered substitutes. The following gentlemen were also mentioned as lecturers during the course, "to whom the Cor. Secy. should make application when expedient." Rev. Barnas Sears, D. D. Newton, Charles Lewis Flint, Cambridge Law School, Rev. Dr. Gannett, Boston, Rev. Mr. Hosford, Haverhill, Rev. A. S. Stone, Boston, Rev. E. N. Kirk, Boston, N. P. Banks Jr. Esq., Waltham, Rev. Ephraim Peabody, Boston, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Concord.

On October 28th the Directors met at the house of Rev. A.D. Mayo to make further arrangements for the Introductory lecture. The services of those named at the previous meeting could not be secured. Hon. George N. Briggs was mentioned as a desirable lecturer and in case he could not be obtained the Secretary was instructed to invite Rev. Dr. C. S. Gannett.

On February 23rd, 1850, a meeting of the Directors was held at the Counting-Room of the President to take the following letter into consideration.

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Boston Feby 18 1850

Benj. H. Corliss Esq.

President of the Gloucester Lyceum

Dear Sir,

It was my purpose during the early part of the present winter to submit a proposition to the Government of your Institution, which might lead to its future prosperity, and increase its means of usefulness. This intention has, however, been neglected. I now beg leave to offer a donation of one hundred dollars, provided ten hundred dollars, or more, can be raised sufficient to establish a foundation for a Library for the exclusive use and benefit of its members, and subject to such by-laws and restrictions as would become needful for its preservation.

The privileges of a Library connected with your Institution would naturally increase the number of members and its annual receipts--thus enlarging its sphere of usefulness--and would secure its future permanance and prosperity.

Very truly your friend

Samuel E. Sawyer

It was voted to lay the subject before the Lyceum at the next meeting. "Fitz H. Lane Esq. proposed to furnish a painting which should sell for at least fifty dollars, in furtherance of the project. A circular was propos<sup>d</sup>ed, printed, and sent to various Sons of Gloucester. No Son of Gloucester replied."

On February 28th, 1850, "The subject mentioned in Mr. Sawyer's communication was laid before the Lyceum this evening at the close of the lecture. Remarks in relation to the matter were made by the President and other gentlemen. A committee of five was chosen to solicit subscriptions in behalf of the enterprise-----and-----Here ended this attempt to procure a Library for the Gloucester Lyceum." The committee consisted of the following gentlemen, Thomas Baker, John H. Stacy, Edward S. L. Doliver, Richard G. Stanwood Jr., and Hermann E. Davidson. "On motion regularly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted--that the thanks of the Lyceum be tendered to Mr. Sawyer."

## THE TWENTY-FIRST YEAR, 1850-1851

November 20th, 1850, Lecture by Wendell Phillips. Subject: "A sketch of the lost arts." Fee: \$22.00.

December 4th, Lecture by the Rev. A. S. Stone of Boston. Subject: "The providence of God in revolutions." Fee: \$12.00.

December 18th, 1850, Lecture by the Rev. H. F. Harrington of Lawrence. Subject: "The romantic element in American history." Fee: \$12.00.

January 1st, 1851, Lecture by the Rev. Dr. Ezra S. Gannett of Boston. Subject: "Conversation." Fee: \$12.00.

January 9th, Lecture by the Rev. Sylvester Judd of Augusta, Me. Subject: "Language." Fee: \$12.00.

January 22nd, Lecture by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Subject: "The law of success." Fee: \$13.00.

February 5th, Lecture by the Rev. William Mountford of Gloucester. Subject: "Our ancestor--the Norseman." Fee: \$10.00.

February 19th, Lecture by the Rev. B. F. Hosford of Haverhill. Subject: "Astronomy." Fee: \$12.00. (The Treasurer's report lists this lecturer's name as E. N. Horsford)

March 5th, Lecture by the Rev. William Ware of Cambridge. Subject: "London and the English." Fee: \$12.00.

March 26th, Lecture by Edmund Quincy Esq. of Dedham. Subject: "Private life of the New England colonists." Fee: \$12.00.

April 9th, Lecture by Joseph Reynolds M. D. of Gloucester. Subject: "Physical geography." Fee: \$10.00.

April 23rd, 1851, Lecture by the Rev. Thomas Starr King of Boston. Subject: "Socrates." Fee: \$22.00.

On September 8th, 1851, a meeting of the Lyceum was held at the hall in the rear of Mr. Eben H. Stacy's store. There was election of officers and the auditing committee which was composed of Eli F. Stacy, Capt. Richard G. Stanwood Jr. and Charles S. Stevens. The Treasurer's report showed \$24.00 for use of the Town Hall for 12 evenings. Abijah Peabody was paid board of \$6.25. The sale of tickets brought in \$216.37 and \$4.79 was brought forward from the previous year. The balance in the treasury was \$10.88.

The Directors met on October 20th at the room of the President.

It was voted to commence the twenty-second course on November 19th, if practicable. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to make an engagement for the Introductory with Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Rev. Orville Dewey, D. D. or Hon. Charles Sumner. A list of lecturers was made for the use of the Secretaray and he was directed to make engagements with such of them as would lecture before the Lyceum during the season.

## THE TWENTY-SECOND YEAR, 1851-1852

November 12th, 1851, Lecture by the Hon. John P. Hale of Dover, N. H. Subject: "National morality." Fee: \$27.00.

November 26th, Lecture by the Rev. J. D. Butler of Danvers. Subject: "St Peter's." Fee: \$12.00.

December 10th, Lecture by the Rev. Henry H. Hudson. Subject: "Falstaff." Fee: \$12.00.

December 24th, 1851, Lecture by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Subject: "Wealth." Fee: \$13.00.

January 7th, 1852, "Owing to detention of railway train Rev. Dr. Pomroy, the lecturer engaged for this evening did not appear." The President then laid before the Lyceum Mr. Sawyer's October 31, 1851, letter relative to a library and there was discussion. (A copy of the letter and further information on this subject follows on a separate page.) "The President was called upon to address the Lyceum on the condition and wants of the public schools. He complied--very acceptably."

January 21st, Lecture by Barnas Sears D. D. Subject: "Germany and the Germans." Fee: \$12.00.

February 4th, Poem by the Rev. John Pierpont D. D. Subject: "Improvement." Fee: \$12.00.

February 18th, Lecture by the Rev. S. L.(?) Pomroy D. D. Subject: "The Yankee character." Fee: \$12.00.

March 3rd, Lecture by Wendell Phillips. Subject: "Reminiscences of foreign travel." Fee: \$12.00.

March 17th, Lecture by Ezra S. Gannett D.D. Subject: "New England character." Fee: \$12.00.

April 7th, Lecture by the Rev. Miles Sanford of Gloucester. Subject: "Elements necessary for the perpetuity of Republican Institutions." Fee \$10.00.

April 14th, "Through an accident on the railway, Rev. T.S. King, engaged to lecture before the Lyceum this evening, did not arrive. Rev. Mr. Mountford was called upon by the President and he addressed the audience on National Self-Government greatly to the satisfaction of his numerous hearers."

April 21st, 1852, Lecture by the Rev. Thomas Starr King of Boston. Subject: "Facts and forces." Fee: \$13.00.

A meeting was held on the evening of August 11th, 1852, at Athens Hall. The reports of officers were received and accepted. Treasurer E. H. Stacy's report showed a balance from the previous year of \$10.88. The sale of tickets brought in \$231.00. The charge for the Town Hall for the year was \$22.00. Cash in the treasury came to \$25.06.

On August 19th, a meeting of the Government of the Lyceum was held at the house of the Corresponding Secretary. It was voted to invite the following gentlemen to lecture: Rev. Henry Ward Beecher - for the Introductory. Rev. Edwin H. Chapin - as a substitute. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes. Rev. Thomas Starr King. Rev. Barnas Sears. Rev. Theodore Parker. Ralph Waldo Emerson.

On December 12th, 1851, "A meeting of the Directory was held this evening at the house of the Cor. Secretary. A further list of lecturers was proposed for the use of the Secretary and the contents of the following letter was taken into consideration."

(copy)

Boston Oct. 31 1851

Thomas Baker Esq.  
President of the Gloucester Lyceum

My Dear Sir,

I addressed your predecessor on the 18th of February of last year, proposing a donation of \$100 to your Institution, subject to certain provisions therein specified, for the purpose of establishing a Library connected with it. This offer not having been available, I now beg leave to propose for the further consideration of the government \$250 for the same purpose, and earnestly hope that this additional sum may be a sufficient inducement to the members to make another effort to accomplish so desirable an object.

Please draw on me for the above named amount as soon as the residue is contributed, and I shall most cheerfully respond.

Respectfully & truly yours

Saml. E. Sawyer

The Secretary was instructed to confer with Mr. Sawyer, and report hereafter.

At the regular meeting on January 7th, 1852, The President "laid before the Lyceum Mr. Sawyer's letter relative to a library. Remarks were made by several members, and it was deemed expedient to choose a committee to confer with the gentleman in relation to certain points raised. Joshua P. Trask, Joseph Reynolds, Thomas Baker, James Aiken, and Joseph L. Stevens Jr. were chosen for that committee, who should report at a subsequent meeting. This attempt to procure a Library, died of a committee."



## THE TWENTY-THIRD YEAR, 1852-1853

The first lecture was delivered on November 24th, 1852, by the Rev. E. H. Chapin of New York. Subject: "John Hampden." Fee: \$22.00.

December 8th, Lecture by the Rev. Barnas Sears D.D. of Boston. Subject: "Culture of the imagination." Fee: \$12.00.

December 24th, Poem by the Rev. John Pierpont D.D. of Medford. Subject: "The scholar's hope." Fee: \$17.00.

December 29th, 1852, Lecture by the Rev. Robert C. Waterston of Boston. Subject: "Scotland." Fee \$12.00.

January 19th, 1853, Lecture by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes of Boston. Subject: "Lecturing and lecturers." Fee \$17.00.

January 27th, Lecture by the Hon. Josiah Quincy Sr.(?) of Boston. Subject: "Joe Smith and the Mormons." Fee: \$12.00.

February 1st, Lecture by the Rev. Theodore Parker of Boston. Subject: "The true and the false gentleman." Fee: \$12.00.

February 9th, Lecture by the Rev. Henry Giles of Bucksport, Me. Subject: "Books and reading." Fee: \$18.00.

February 16th, Lecture by James T. Fields of Boston. Subject: "Preparation for foreign travel." Fee: \$12.00.

February 23rd, "Rev. Mr. Alger of Roxbury, engaged for this evening, failed to arrive. Benjamin K. Hough Jr. addressed a few remarks on the necessity of a commodious Hall. By request he also read a Lecture on Education by Samuel A. Elliot."

March 2nd, Lecture by the Rev. T. Starr King of Boston. Subject: "Manifestations of law." Fee: \$12.00.

March 9th, Lecture by Ralph Waldo Emerson of Concord. Subject: "The Anglo-Saxon." Fee: \$14.00.

March 16th, Lecture by the Rev. William R. Alger of Roxbury. Subject: "Peter the Great." Fee: \$12.00.

March 23rd, Lecture by Edwin P. Whipple of Boston. Subject: "Martin Luther." Fee: \$12.00.

March 30th, Lecture by the Rev. Amory D. Mayo of Gloucester. Subject: "Biography." Fee: \$10.00.

On July 13th, 1853, the annual meeting of the Lyceum was held at the Telegraph Office. Officers were elected as well as an auditing committee made up of John S. E. Rogers, John S. Johnston Jr, and John H. Stacy.

"Various amendments to the Constitution were offered and discussed, and it was voted to act upon the same at an adjourned meeting of one week. The Treasurer had leave to defer his report until the next meeting."

They met again on July 20th. "Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were considered and adopted. It was voted that the late Recording Secretary be requested to incorporate said amendments into the Constitution and By-Laws, and transcribe the same in a new Book of Record."

E. H. Stacy's Treasurer's report showed a balance at the beginning of the year of \$25.06. Tickets brought in \$272.00. Rental of the Town Hall came to \$30.00. James D. Allen, door keeper, received \$5.75. George D. Lane, attendance, received \$3.92. Abijah Peabody received \$9.00 for board. The balance in the treasury was \$32.97.

At the end of this volume, with the book inverted, there are Lists of Tickets issued to members of the Gloucester Lyceum for the years ending March 10th, 1832, March 1833 and March 1834. There are column headings for Members Tickets, Minors Tickets. Transferable and Additional plus a column for the amount. There is also Dr. William Babson's Treasurer's report on ticket sales for 1832/1833.

## OFFICERS OF THE GLOUCESTER LYCEUM

### First Year, 1830-1831:

Moderator chosen for the founding meeting: Dr. William Ferson

President: Hon. Israel Trask

Vice President: Rev. Thomas Jones

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. Hosea Hildreth

Recording Secretary: Benjamin K. Hough, Jr.

Treasurer: Dr. William Ferson

Assistants: Dr. Eben. Dale

John W. Lowe

William Pearce, Jr.

Dr. Henry Prentiss

Samuel Kimball

### Second Year, 1831-1832:

President: William W. Parrott

Vice President: John W. Lowe

Corresponding Secretary: Hosea Hildreth

Recording Secretary: B.K. Hough Jr.

Treasurer: Benj. K. Hough

Assistants: Wm. Pearce Jr.

John Johnston

Eben. Dale

Saml. Kimball

Danl. W. Rogers

### Third Year, 1832-1833:

President: Wm. Pearce Jr. Esq.

Vice President: Doct. Eben. Dale

Corresponding Secretary: Hosea Hildreth

Recording Secretary: John J. Babson

Treasurer: Wm. Babson

Assistants: Alphonse Mason

John Johnsen

Wm. Stevens

Wm. Allen

Wm. Parsons, Jr.

OFFICERS OF THE GLOUCESTER LYCEUM

Fourth Year, 1833-1834:

President: Doct. Eben. Dale  
Vice President: Elias Davison  
Corresponding Secretary: John W. Lowe  
Recording Secretary: John J. Babson  
Treasurer: William Babson  
Assistants: Samuel Pearce  
              Wm. Parsons, Jr.  
              John P. Ober  
              Nath. K. Allen  
              Tho. J. Dudley

Fifth Year, 1834-1835:

President: Elias Davison  
Vice President: Rev. Samuel Adlum  
Corresponding Secretary: Robert Rantoul, Jr.  
Recording Secretary: John J. Babson  
Treasurer: Wm. Babson  
Assistants: Alphonso Mason  
              William Collins  
              Moses Howell  
              John M. Moriarty  
              Joshua P. Trask

Sixth Year, 1835-1836:

President: John Johnston  
Vice President: Luther Hamilton  
Corresponding Secretary: Joshua P. Trask  
Recording Secretary: Addison Gilbert  
Treasurer: Charles Smith 3d  
Assistants: John Appleton  
              Samuel Giles  
              Samuel Stevens  
              John S.(?) Tappan  
              James Mansfield

OFFICERS OF THE GLOUCESTER LYCEUM

Seventh Year, 1836-1837:

President: William Parsons  
Vice President: John James Babson  
Corresponding Secretary: Doct. John Appleton  
Recording Secretary: Addison Gilbert  
Treasurer: Charles Smith 3d  
Assistants: Epes W. Merchant  
              Samuel Dexter  
              Benjamin F. Somes  
              Frederick G. Low  
              Doct. John M. Moriarity

Eighth Year, 1837-1838:

President: James John Babson  
Vice President: Josiah K. Waite  
Corresponding Secretary: John W. Moriarity  
Recording Secretary: Eben H. Stacy  
Treasurer: Samuel Stevens  
Assistants: William Lamson  
              Frederick G. Low  
              George Garland  
              Benjamin F. Somes  
              George H. Rogers

Ninth Year, 1838-1839:

President: Addison Gilbert  
Vice President: Nathaniel Babson  
Corresponding Secretary: John Appleton  
Recording Secretary: Henry Tilden  
Treasurer: Eben. H. Stacy  
Assistants: William Lamson  
              John P. Ober  
              Josiah Herrick  
              David White  
              Eben. H. Redding

OFFICERS OF THE GLOUCESTER LYCEUM

Tenth Year, 1839-1840:

President: Lonson Nash

Vice President: Henry Tilden

Corresponding Secretary: Jacob Tuck

Recording Secretary: Benj. H. Corliss

Treasurer: William Babson Jr.

Directors: William P. Dolliver

Robert Fears

Rich. G. Stamrov Jr.

John C. Calef (Calep, Caless, Caleb, Caley?)

William F. Davis

Eleventh Year, 1840-1841:

President: Henry Tilden

Vice President: Joseph Reynolds

Corresponding Secretary: Jacob Tuck

Recording Secretary: B. H. Corliss

Treasurer: William Babson

Directors: Lonson Nash (John J. Babson having declined)

John C. Calef (?)

William P. Dolliver

Jonathan Wheeler

Eben. H. Redding

Twelfth Year, 1841-1842:

President: Henry Tilden

Vice President: Joseph Reynolds

Corresponding Secretary: Jacob Tuck

Recording Secretary: William Babson Jr.

Treasurer: Benj. H. Corliss

Directors: Thomas L. Sancaster (Samuel Dexter having declined)

Nath. Babson

George Garland

Benj. H. Somes

Thomas Baker

OFFICERS OF THE GLOUCESTER LYCEUM

Thirteenth Year, 1842-1843:

President: Thos. Baker Esq. (Benj K. Hough Jr. had declined)  
Vice President: Nathl Babson Esq. (Eben H. Stacy had declined)  
Corresponding Secretary: Joseph Reynolds  
Recording Secretary: William Babson Jr.  
Treasurer: Benj H. Corliss  
Directors: George Garland  
          E.W. Marchant  
          E.H. Stacy  
          T. Sewall Lancaster  
          William Archer

Fourteenth Year, 1843-1844:

President: Thomas Baker Esq. (Moved away)  
Vice President: Nathl Babson (Became Acting president)  
Corresponding Secretary: T. Sewall Lancaster  
Recording Secretary: William Babson Jr.  
Treasurer: Benj H. Corliss  
Directors: Geo Garland  
          Eban H. Stacy  
          George Friend  
          E.S.L. Dolliver  
          Jos. Reynolds

Fifteenth Year, 1844-1845:

President: Nathaniel Babson  
Vice President: Charles Smith 3d  
Corresponding Secretary: T. Sewall Lancaster  
Recording Secretary: William Babson Jr.  
Treasurer: Benj H. Corliss  
Directors: Eben H. Stacy  
          Joseph Reynolds  
          John C. Calef  
          George Garland  
          John S.E. Rogers

OFFICERS OF THE GLOUCESTER LYCEUM

Sixteenth Year, 1845-1846

President: Rev'd William Samson  
Vice President: David White  
Corresponding Secretary: H. E. Davidson  
Recording Secretary: William Babson Jr.  
Treasurer: Benj. H. Corliss  
Directors: Joseph Reynolds  
          James Mansfield  
          Thos. S. Lancaster  
          Joseph J. Procter  
          John K. Davis

Seventeenth Year, 1846-1847

President: Rev. J. K. Waite  
Vice President: B. H. Corliss  
Corresponding Secretary: A. D. Mayo  
Recording Secretary: F. K. Woodbury  
Treasurer: S. A. Stacy  
Directors: J. Reynolds  
          T. S. Lancaster  
          J. H. Stacy  
          Wm. Lamson  
          J. L. E. Rogers

Eighteenth Year, 1847-1848

President: Joseph Reynolds  
Vice President: H. E. Davidson  
Recording Secretary: Joseph S. Stevens  
Corresponding Secretary: F. K. Woodbury  
Treasurer: Samuel A. Stacy  
Directors: John S. Rogers  
          William Samson  
          T. Sewall Lancaster  
          William Babson Jr.  
          John H. Stacy



OFFICERS OF THE GLOUCESTER LYCEUM

Nineteenth Year, 1848-1849

President: Joseph Reynolds  
Vice President: Herman E. Davidson  
Corresponding Secretary: Franklin K. Woodbury  
Recording Secretary: Joseph S. Stevens Jr.  
Treasurer: Samuel A. Stacy  
Directors: T. S. Lancaster  
          John H. Stacy  
          John S. Rogers  
          Gorham P. Sow  
          Charles Fitz

Twentieth Year, 1849-1850

President: Benjamin H. Corliss (John J. Babson had declined)  
Vice President: Rev. Joseph Manton  
Corresponding Secretary: Rev. Amory D. Mayo  
Recording Secretary: Joseph S. Stevens Jr.  
Treasurer: Eben H. Stacy  
Directors: Dr. Joseph Reynolds  
          Nathaniel Babson  
          Fitz H. Lane  
          John J. Piper  
          John H. Stacy

Twenty First Year, 1850-1851

President: Thomas Baker Esq. (William Babson had resigned)  
Vice President: Dr. Joseph Garland  
Corresponding Secretary: A. D. Mayo  
Recording Secretary: Joseph S. Stevens Jr.  
Treasurer: Eben H. Stacy  
Directors: James Aiken  
          David H. Plumbe (?)  
          Joseph Reynolds  
          George Garland  
          Charles S. Stevens

OFFICERS OF THE GLOUCESTER LYCEUM

Twenty Second year, 1851-1852

President: Thomas Baker  
Vice President: Rev. James Aiken  
Corresponding Secretary: Rev. Amory D. Mayo  
Recording Secretary: Joseph S. Stevens Jr.  
Treasurer: Eben H. Stacy  
Directors: Rev. Miles H. Sanford  
Rev. William Mountford  
Dr. Joseph Reynolds  
Fitz H. Lane  
William F. Davis

Twenty Third Year, 1852-1853

President: Thomas Baker  
Vice President: James Aiken  
Corresponding Secretary: Amory D. Mayo  
Recording Secretary: Joseph S. Stevens Jr.  
Treasurer: Eben H. Stacy  
Directors: Miles H. Sanford  
William Mountford  
William P. Dolliver  
Fitz H. Lane  
William F. Davis

Twenty Fourth Year, 1853-1854

President: Thomas Baker  
Vice President: Joseph S. Stevens Jr.  
Corresponding Secretary: Amory D. Mayo  
Recording Secretary: D. Elwell Woodbury  
Treasurer: Eben H. Stacy  
Directors: William P. Dolliver  
Fitz H. Lane  
William F. Davis  
Joseph O. Procter  
Franklin K. Woodbury

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## LYCEUMS

International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, cl968. v.1, p.101, under subject of Adult Education:

"Several distinctive methods of adult education originated in the United States - some of which have survived and spread elsewhere, while some have not. Among those now virtually extinct are the lyceum, founded by Josiah Holbrook in New England in 1826, and the chautauque, which started in New York State in 1874. The lyceum lasted some twenty years and was generally limited to the northeastern states (Bode 1956)" \*

\*Bode, Carl. The American Lyceum: Town Meeting of the Mind. New York, Oxford University Press, 1956.

Dictionary of American Biography, 1932. v.9, p.30. Holbrook, Josiah (1788-June 17, 1954) Educational reformer.